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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 6 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., February 24, 2006 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.49 million cattle on feed on February 1, according to the USDA's, National Agricultural Statistics, Nebraska Field Office. This inventory was up 6 percent from last year and 9 percent above February 1, 2004. This is the largest inventory since the series began in 1994.

Placements during January totaled 425,000 head, the same as 2005 but 12 percent above 2004.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of January totaled 355,000 head, down 1 percent from both last year and two years ago. Other disappearance during January totaled 10,000 head compared with 15,000 head during January 2005 and 20,000 head during January 2004.

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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.1 million head on February 1, 2006. The inventory was 7 percent above February 1, 2005 and 9 percent above February 1, 2004. This is the largest inventory since the series began in 1994.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 2.20 million, 16 percent above 2005 and 25 percent above 2004.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.81 million, up 2 percent from both 2005 and 2004. Other disappearance totaled 83,000 during January, 14 percent above 2005 but 12 percent below 2004.

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